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**Subject:** Ref: 20026721 deadline B response thank you  
**Date:** 07 April 2021 23:59:13  
**Attachments:** [PINS website example 060421 and 070421.docx](#)

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Dear Ex Authority and Case Team colleagues,  
Please find below and attached information for submission to deadline B for the SZC DCO process. Thank you.

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to engage in the DCO process for the proposed SZC project and your request for feedback. I am writing on behalf of Aldeburgh Town Council following the Preliminary meeting part 1. In addition to comments shared verbally at this event on 23rd and 24th March we would like to inform you of the following:

The management of the virtual DCO process to date including roles and responsibilities, IT problems and the website:

We acknowledge that it is more challenging for everyone to take part in a DCO as complex as this virtually, however in general, there are examples of best practise from the management of the DCO for SPR which is also being held virtually which were not followed.

We are extremely concerned that the Preliminary meeting ran over by a day, the Ex-Authority deferred to the Applicant to explain processes (for example what Rochdale Envelope meant) and the Applicant attempted to control the contribution of an Interested Party.

There appeared to be a break down in communications between the Case Team and the Inspectors who were not aware of the list of those in attendance recorded during the Arrangements Conference or the previously completed forms where we stated which items we wished to speak on - as neither of these seemed to influence the management of the meeting in terms of calling on Interested Parties to speak. There were many technical difficulties both for Interested Parties and for the Ex-Authority themselves, and at times it was not possible to hear or see the Lead Inspector clearly. One participant stated they would not be able to continue to participate and many of us had great difficulty in doing so.

The Inspectors did not always wait to check for virtual hands (or be advised of virtual hands by the Case Team or peers) before moving on too quickly, and did not always make it clear which item was being discussed before doing so. Please remember there is a slight time delay in the virtual set up.

On the second day Interested Parties (to whom this process is new and who had waited a long time to speak) were cut off quite abruptly by the Inspectorate - we do appreciate that it is frustrating for you (as experts in this process) to listen to a speaker if they do not get to the point succinctly and/or may give additional background information which belongs in another part of the Examination, and we would appreciate your respectful understanding in these matters.

The website had not been updated to make it clear on the front page that deadline B was

on 7th April, and after a formal complaint and contact from us yesterday this was added to the banner, however the section 'What happens next' remained out of date saying "Part 1 of the PM will be held on Tuesday 23rd March". We would request that the website is kept up to date to enable the transparent and full participation of all. Please see attached word document with screen print evidence from 6th and 7th April.

Request to delay the start of the Examination phase:

In addition to our clear, and we would say valid requests to yourselves (made verbally at the PM part 1) that you do not begin the Examination phase the day after PM part 2 on 14th April, you will now be aware that the DCO for SPR EA1N and EA2 has been extended by 3months and will now not end until 6th July. Aldeburgh Town Council (and many other Interested Parties) will be significantly and adversely impacted if the DCO for SZC is allowed to continue in accordance with your original proposed timetable. We believe that will be impossible for us to engage meaningfully or to devote the time and commitment we would wish to do within the resources we have, especially in the continued circumstance of Covid-19 and while the Hearings are virtual. We are sure that the PINS process would not normally sanction two major NSIPs to run concurrently in the same location, affecting the same cohort of people/organisations? To do so will also limit the availability of legal and technical experts, and the representatives of Local Authorities and other statutory consultees such as RSPB Minsmere, Suffolk Coasts and Healths AONB, Environment Agency and Natural England.

We are even more adamant in the light of this new information that the 6month Examination phase should not begin until after your decision on the proposed changes to the application, and that any new Interested Parties and existing ones have been able to register new and/or update their relevant representations. We note that there have been in excess of 380 documents submitted in the PM stage and we are still researching these to be able to assist the Ex-Authority with our feedback. The proposed changes may also impact on the Principal Issues informing decisions on ISHs, and on the Timetable - both previously discussed at PM part 1, and we would respectfully request that a part 3 is scheduled after your decision on the changes and a reasonable period of time has occurred for Interested Parties to be made aware and to review all documentation, and that the Examination phase does not begin until after 6th July.

We would also bring to your attention that in citing their reasons for the unusual request to the Sec of State to extend the Examination phase of the DCO for SPR EA1N and EA2 that your colleague Inspectors have stated the difficulties of virtual hearings and home working etc. during Covid-19 both for participant Interested Parties and themselves, and the complexity of the projects and volume of evidence and outstanding matters - we believe these exact same circumstances will also be experienced during the DCO for SZC and as such no time should be lost from the full 6 months of the Examination phase without consideration of the full application (with proposed changes as material changes because they involve new parties, new land acquisition and completely new infrastructure such as BLF) so it should therefore not begin on 15th April 2021 and should be delayed until after 6th July.

Yours sincerely with our kindest regards  
Cllr Marianne N Fellowes M.B.E  
on behalf of Aldeburgh Town Council

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 this is the front page of the SZC DCO website:

**i** The [recording of the Preliminary Meeting – Part 1 \(Day 1 sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4\) on 23 March 2021](#) and the [Transcripts](#) have been published

The [recording of the Preliminary Meeting – Part 1 \(Day 2 sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4\) on 24 March 2021](#) and the [Transcripts](#) have been published

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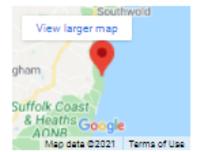
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  - i** Instructions for those wishing to participate in the Preliminary Meeting (PM) have been sent. For those wishing to observe in real time, please use the following link: <https://www.liveeventstream.online/planning-inspectorate-sizewellc>
  - Please note that the resumed PM Part 1 will start broadcasting LIVE once it opens at 10.00 on Wednesday 24 March 2021

On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 this is the front page of the SZC DCO website, with the new banner insert of deadline B but still showing the same 'What happens next' which has not been updated:

The recording of the Preliminary Meeting – Part 1 (Day 2 sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4) on 24 March 2021 and the transcripts have been published.

Any responses to matters discussed during the Preliminary Meeting must be submitted by **Procedural Deadline B (Wednesday 7 April 2021)**.

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The Procedural Decision, setting the timetable for the Examination including deadlines for receipt of detailed Written Representations and for comments on the Relevant Representations made by other Interested Parties, will be made after the Preliminary Meeting and will be published on this project page. It will also be available on request from [sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) and our helpline: 0303 444 5000.

If you are an Interested Party, either because you are one of the specific bodies cited in [s102](#) of the [Planning Act 2008](#) or have submitted a Relevant Representation, you will receive notifications about the Examination and a copy of the Secretary of State's decision on the application once that is made.

If you have a legal interest in land affected by a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and:

- have not been identified by the Applicant; and
- did not register to become an Interested Party;

then you can make a request to the Examining Authority to become an Interested Party under s102A of the Planning Act 2008.

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### Timeline (26 items)

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